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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A furniture system comprising:

a plurality of host structures, each host structure comprising at least one slot extending the length of ~~[[on]]~~ a face of the host structure~~[:)]~~, said slot having a locking depth; and

a plurality of cross supports, said cross supports defining at least one locking body aperture and a cam aperture, wherein the locking body aperture intersects the cam aperture; ~~a plurality of devices carried by the cross supports for fastening the cross supports to the host structures, the devices comprising:~~

a cam rotatably disposed within the cam aperture, said cam including a cam opening disposed proximate the locking body aperture; and

a locking body having an engagement member at a distal end and a cam connector at a proximal end, the engagement member dimensioned to slide within the slot on the host structure, the cam connector dimensioned for insertion into the cam opening, the locking body slidable disposed within the locking body aperture; present in one of the slots of one of the host structures; and

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~~— a cam connected to the locking body which allows for securing the engagement member of the locking body in the slot;~~

wherein the locking body mates the host structure to the cross support when the engagement member is disposed within the slot of the host structure and the cam connector is disposed within the cam aperture of the cam so that [[, said]] rotating the cam in a first direction causes a linear motion of the locking body at least equal to the locking depth within the locking body aperture, so as to which draw[[s]] the cross support and host structure together and secure[[s]] the cross support to the host structure.

2. (Currently Amended) The furniture system of claim 1, wherein the cam connector ~~locking body further comprising~~ comprises a ball for connecting the locking body to the cam during cam rotation located at a proximal end of the locking body; and

~~— a central shaft between the ball and the engagement member.~~

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The furniture system of claim 1, wherein each host structure comprises a geometrically configured tube.

5. (Currently Amended) The furniture system of claim 4, wherein each slot is formed from the surface of each tube, and each slot contains a narrower outer portion and a wider inner

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portion, the narrower outer portion defined by a opposing radiused guides, wherein the engagement member comprising a disk head and a frustoconical section, said frustoconical section connecting the disk head to a locking body distal neck, said disk head, wherein the engagement member is movable within the wider inner portion and said frustoconical section is in contact with the radiused guides.

6. (Previously Presented) The furniture system of claim 1, wherein an edge of one of the plurality of cross supports engages a wall of one of the plurality of host structures when the device for fastening is secured.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The furniture system of claim 1, wherein the cam is embedded in one of the plurality of cross supports.

9. (Original) The furniture system of claim 1, wherein the furniture system is a cabinet for a home entertainment system.

10-25. (Canceled)